

S. and Canada, who begin to take genuin interest in the movement. We predict that spelling reform wil come soon with a sweep."

Much imprest by its economy, we lern: "Economic reasons, we ar confident, wil force reformd spelling. . . . Oposition is worthy atension in some in-tances. Mainly it comes from clever Alecs badly red and altogether ignorant of the question who like to be lookt on as conservativ. Men who no most about the language, how it grew, aquired its presnt stereotyped form of spelling, who ar thoroly acquainted with sevrul tangs, largely favor reformd spelling."

CRITICAL SUGGESTIONS.

[The riter's spelling is folod herein.]

In the main i agree with your too sistems of spelling. Clearnes and consistency require a few modifications in each:

A.—IN REVIZED SPELLING

1. For the present, retain a dubl consonant after a strest short vowel, as *hopping*, *possess*, *addres* (noun), to avoid confusion with *hoping*, *poses*, *adress* (verb).

2. Retain obscure vowels if in slo or in careful speech they miht be sounded, as *open*, *wepon*, *certain*; but rite *givn*, *riin*, to sho shortnes of the preceding vowel.

3. Reject all useles letters, as in loth, balk, lanch, villan, donky, dout, mama, plesance, fry, esthetic, fetid, zelot, sismic, icon, mimograf, calidoscope, agreabl parlament, ges, bild, gard, gage, vitls, hiht, thoht (not tho't), stomac, gost, samon, semstres, ile, iland, each, du, coin, storis, slei, fashon, garot, vew, harth, cush, carrid, leag, harang, thisis, sord, sience, [k]no, [k]nown, rong, rek, ancor, clu, frend.

4. Put i for y vowel, as *tiro*, *sirup*, *sais*, *staid*, *sistem*, (exept y final, as *shy*, *shily*). [But how about *shines* for *shyness* ?]

5. Change ch to k if sounded so before e, i, y, as *ake*, *arkitect*, *kliiogram*, *monarky*.

6. Change s to z in -ise, as *surprize*, *despize*; in distinctiv verbs, as *rize*, *uze*, *houz*; also in artizan, partizan, curtizan, teaz, cozy, advertizment, agrandizment.

7. Change ei or ie to ee when sounded i, as *beleev*, *receev*, *seez*.

8. Rite e for o sounded like e in *herd*, as *werd*, *werld*; keep o in *som*, *mony*, *poros*.

9. Rite oo for o sounded ū, as *moov*, *toom*.

10. Reduce peculiar spellings to order: ruf, cof, laf, draft, mosk, kee, hoo, shoo, bizy, looz, rime, sithe, tortus, begger, registrer, tung, sovrان, wimen, sizzers, markee, prair, coercion, controller, aker, atachee, calogram, pictur-esk, cinetoscope, oker, faker (one who fakes).

B.—IN SIENTIFIC (OR NEW) SPELLING

Uze k for c hard. Uze c for j = sh, (an alternativ for printers hoo hav no special signs), so j for z, q for η, x for χ. Then tc is for ch in *church*, dj for j in *judge*, dh for ð, th for þ, and i, ê, â, ô, û, for i, e, a, ô, ū, with à, è, ò, for vowels in *gun*, *fern*, *nor*, and any printer can set up fonetic orthog-rafy. Acute accents can be used for em-fasized short vowels as ádres, but non ar necessary exept where there miht be con-fusion, as in nót, nôt (*note*), nòt (*naught*), cip (*ship*), cip (*sheep*).

For special tipes i woud prefer æ to u; ɒ or ɔ for o in *nor*; ð for ð; u for ū; ø or œ for Ger. ö, French œ, (becaus ø and ø re-sembl o and e overlaid). [Wil this not make o, ø, e, c, impracticabl in one alfabet, as wanting distinctnes? Diferentiation is limited by this essential.] The first is im-portant as the sound æ (u) is more akin to a than to u [in *put*]. In Romanized Indian names a is adopted for it, as in Lakhnau [læʃnau] (Lucknow), jangal (*jungle*), thag (thug, pron. t-hæg), lakir, Karâchi. Jap-anese werds ar in spelling absolutely si-entific (tho jinrikisha is ignorantly spelt rickshaw by vulgar English pepl). So ar Maori (N. Z.) names. In India, China, elswhere too, New Spelling makes hed-way, as Panjâb, Maisur, Yang-tsz-kiang, Fuh-chau (not Fu-chau, h not silent), Ku-masi, Sawâkin, etc. I shal publish shortly a list of such names in new orthogrfy.

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In New Spelling.]

START! — GO SLO, BUT GO!

Atempting tū much at wuns, ðe joint-acion ov ðe tū grat filolojic sosaietiz cam tu nôt. ðe Yunaited Stats government apointed a Börd tu desaid on yuniform orthogrfi for jeografic namz. Recomen-dasionz ov ðis bodi wer jenrali in direc-sion ov incríst simplisiti,—*Bering* Strats, for eczAMPL. Spelingz so adopted ofisial-i bai ðe nasional government wer at wuns accepted bai chif publisherz ov scül-buks hu also folo rülz formiulated bai Comiti ov ði American Asosiasion for ði Advan-sment ov Saiens apointed tu bring abaut yuniformaliti in spelling and pronunsia-sion ov kemical termz.

So wi si ðer iz progres ol along ðe lain; it ma sim veri slo, laik a glasier'z, but it iz az sertn az irrezistibl. ðer iz no col for eni ov us tu b1 dishartnd bai ðe prospect. Ich ma du hwot litl hi can toard hasning rezults. Wi can form a habit ov yuzing in dali raiting such simplifaid spellingz az wil not sim affected or frikish, kriping aur-selvez ever in ðe förfrunt ov ðe müvment, but *never going veri fur in advans ov ðe men bodi*. Wi must not mak a fad ov or-thografic reform, nor must wi devõt tu it a dispropörsionat shær ov activiti, sins wi no ðat ðer ar vðer reformz az presing, perhaps mör important. But wi can höld aurselvez redi ever tu lend a hand tu help along; and wi can sho willingnes ever tu b1 caunted in its favor.—BRANDER MAT-THIEWS in July *International Monthly*.

KEY: Sound i a u ð ô ö ū
as in we may run the old saw soon.
Diphthongs: oi, oil; ai, aisle; au, owl; iu, cure; iu, due.
The macron over o or u is unnecessary when the o or u manifestly ends a sylabl.